Questions for Zhiyong Zeng

- 1. What's your name and your background?
- 2. How was your experience growing up and learning handwriting in China? What were elementary school handwriting lessons like?
- 3. How did you learn/ refine your calligraphy?
- 4. What makes you unique/your personal style/jobs/you as a person?
- 5. Why is handwriting important to you?
- 6. Have you ever made a connection to someone because of your handwriting? If so, what was it and why was it important?
- 7. Childhood experience learning penmanship, any stories?
- 8. How has calligraphy or handwriting changed over the course of your life? Are these changes that you are happy with?
- 9. What do you consider good handwriting?
- 10. Why is penmanship important?
- 11. How does penmanship and calligraphy hold memories for you? Do you have any keepsakes or memories preserved by calligraphy?
- 12. Why do you continue to do calligraphy/pen palling/handwriting? What about the traditional form is still valuable to you?
- 13. How has modern technology influenced your handwriting or calligraphy practices? Penmanship as a whole?
- 14. Anything else you would like to add?
- 15. Can you show us some of your work?

B-roll ideas:

- Him writing calligraphy (his name, favorite character, hardest character)
- Showing examples (if possible) of his handwriting/work from when he was a kid growing up in China
- Show a picture/photograph of him as a kid going to school